

23. (Previously Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the sheet is made from an alloy containing aluminum.

24. (Previously Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the base is made out of manufactured diamond.

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on August 1, 2001, and the references cited therewith.

No claims are amended, and claims 4 and 10-21 were previously canceled. As a result, claims 1-3, 5-9, and 22-24 are now pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims for the reasons argued below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-2, 5-8, and 22-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Wotring (U.S. Patent No. 6,199,624). Submitted herewith is a declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131, which ~~swears behind~~ Wotring. In view of the declaration, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is now moot and that claims 1-2, 5-8, and 22-23 are allowable.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Wotring (U.S. Patent No. 6,199,624) in view of Bishop et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,576,932). As argued above, Wotring is removed as a reference. Claim 3 is dependent on claim 2, which is dependent on claim 1. Claim 1 recites: "wherein the trimmed opening is formed by removing the arch along the portion of the length of the top of the at least one fin." In contrast, Bishop describes "rectangular-shaped fins 22." Bishop at column 3, line 66 (*emphasis added*); Fig. 3. Thus, Bishop teaches away from an arch, as recited in claim 1. Further, Bishop's fins do not contain a trimmed opening, as can also be seen in Fig. 3. Thus, Bishop also teaches away from "the

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trimmed opening," as recited in claim 1. Hence, Bishop does not teach or suggest all the elements of claim 1, on which claim 3 depends, so claim 3 is allowable.

Claims 9 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Wotring. As argued above, Wotring is removed as a reference, so Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is now moot and that claims 9 and 24 are allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 371-2103 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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